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VALID OUT-OF-STATE DRIVER'S LICENSES NOW ACCEPTED ACROSS ARIZONA

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Tuesday, April 5, 2016) – Governor Doug Ducey signed House Bill (HB) 2031 into law yesterday, which eliminates the penalty against restaurants or bars who serve patrons with a valid out-of-state vertical driver's license or ID card, and allows people with a vertical driver's license to purchase alcohol if they're over the age of 21.

Previously, horizontal driver's licenses were the only accepted identification to buy alcohol. Anyone who had a valid out-of-state vertical driver's license could not be served at an Arizona restaurant or even allowed entrance into a bar. If a waitress, waiter, or bartender served someone with a vertical driver's license they could have faced a fine up to \$1000.

HB 2031 modified those provisions so everyone with valid out-of-state identification and who is of age can purchase alcohol and enter restaurants or related institutions. It also eliminated the fine so servers no longer have to worry about a hefty penalty. The law goes into effect immediately.

Representative Sonny Borrelli stated, "Plain and simple, this bill helps tourism and generates money for the local economies. By denying patrons a drink or entrance to a restaurant merely because of the shape of the ID hinders economic activity and prevents people from out of state traveling enjoying Arizona. I witnessed in a restaurant over the summer a young marine who just recently got out of the Corps and had a valid North Carolina vertical driver's license denied service. He left with four other patrons. I also saw someone who was here in Phoenix for spring training from out-of-state and was also refused service. This bill will remedy those situations. I am grateful to Governor Doug Ducey for signing this bill, proving once again that Arizona government does move at the speed of business."

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